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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 16, 2005 the Examiner rejected Claims 1-17, 19-29 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,697,815 ("Wilson") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,012,098 ("Bayeh"). Claims 18-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson in view of Bayeh and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,272 ("Williams"). Independent claims 1, 19 and 30 have been amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1, 19, and 30, as amended, require a "Layered Content Bean" that is comprised of "at least one lower layer and a higher layer that is capable of implementing business logic on the at least one lower layer." A layered content bean where a higher layer can implement business logic on a lower layer is neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art.

The Examiner cited Wilson as disclosing a "content bean" at Col. 8, lines 10-20, Col. 7, lines 55-67. See Office Action at p. 2. The Examiner also cited Bayeh and Wilson as disclosing a "layered content bean." See Office Action at p. 4, citing Bayeh at Col. 7, lines 18-25, and Wilson at Fig. 2. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Bayeh or Wilson that a higher layer of a content bean can implement business logic on a lower layer as claimed. In fact, Wilson explicitly states that the beans "do not perform business processing." Col. 7, lines 24-26. Furthermore, Wilson states that "the business processing software is entirely separated from the Web presentation (or user interface)

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software)." Col. 9, lines 17-19. Therefore, the claimed system is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art, and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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